

**Do you know a teacher who is
dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference?**

The classroom teacher is the backbone of the American educational system. No one person has a greater impact on the education of a child than does the teacher who creates the primary learning and instructional environment.

Nominate a teacher for the
<SCHOOL DISTRICT NAME> Teacher of the Year award.

To nominate a teacher for the <SCHOOL DISTRICT NAME> Teacher of the Year award simply complete this form and send it to <SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT NAME/ADDRESS> by April 1.

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's School: _____

Grade(s) Taught: _____ **Subject(s) Taught:** _____

Please explain the why you feel the educator you are nominating should be the Teacher of the Year, citing specific examples. Some things to consider: the teacher's methods for meeting student needs, desire for professional growth, community involvement, dedication to the teaching profession, and rapport with students, parents and staff.

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The <SCHOOL DISTRICT NAME> Teacher of the Year becomes eligible for the ESA Regional Teacher of the Year award, and possibly for the South Dakota and/or the National Teacher of the Year award. For more information on the Teacher of the Year program visit, <http://doe.sd.gov/oatq/distinguishededucators/TOY/index.asp>.

Nominator Signature: _____ **Printed Name:** _____